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Applicant: Barnett, James Earl

Examiner: Mr. Evan H. Langdon

Art Unit: 3654

Response to Detailed Action dated 03/07/2007 – confirmation #2880

Mr. Langdon,

Thank you for your Detailed Action and our pursuant phone conversations. As I understand your Detailed action, you are asking me to:

- elect to either pursue
 - claims 1 - 15 as submitted (as you refer to them as "I").
 - claims 16 - 18 as submitted (as you refer to them as "II").
- regarding claims 1-15 to either
 - make an election between "**Species A**" and "**Species B**" as referenced.
 - revise claims 1-15 to broaden the claims in such a manner as to demonstrate that only one invention is being claimed and not two.

Please accept this letter as a formal response notifying you that I choose to:

- pursue claims 1-15 regarding and apparatus and thereby decline to claim any method.
- revise claims 1-15 to broaden the claims in such a manner as to demonstrate that only one invention is being claimed and not two.

I am including with this letter revised claims, 1-17, which seek to address your stated concerns regarding species. I have also included a highlighted copy of claims 1-17 which alert you to changes which have been made as well as a copy of former claims 1-15 also seeking to alert you as to changes.

Having gained a clearer understanding of the process through our conversations, it strikes me that my claims 16 and 17 (as revised – 14 and 15 in the original application) which refer to a "product" might actually be another species herein. If that is the case, please consider this letter

formal notice that claims 16 and 17 as revised referring to a "product" are declined. If you need to confirm this over the phone, I can be reached at 618-357-9357 or at 618-967-6363.

Thank you so much for being so helpful in clarifying matters for me. I hope that this communication addresses issues in a manner which is appropriate.

Sincerely,


James Earl Barnett